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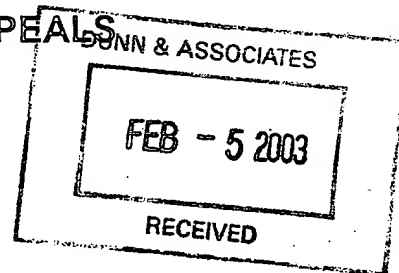
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**BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES**

Ex parte YASMIN THANAVALA,
CHARLES J. ARNTZEN, and
HUGH S. MASON

Appeal No. 2002-1543
Application No. 09/420,695

ORDER REMANDING TO EXAMINER



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A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) was filed January 9, 2003 (Paper No. 26) and has been matched with this application at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. The IDS needs to be considered by the Primary Examiner with respect to compliance with the criteria set forth in 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98. A written communication notifying appellants of the Primary Examiner's decision is required.

Accordingly, it is

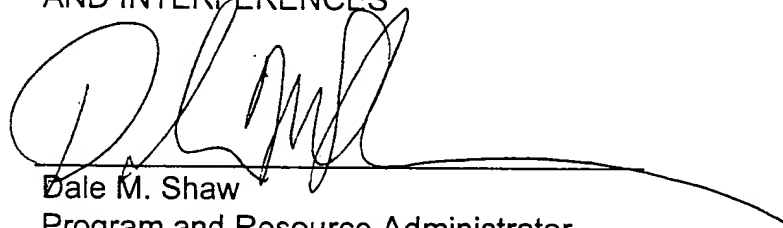
ORDERED that the application is remanded to the Examiner for consideration of the Supplemental IDS, and for such further action as may be appropriate.

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It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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